

## WEATHER BULLETIN.

SIGNAL SERVICE OFFICE, WICHITA, KAN., Dec. 15.—The highest temperature was 30°, the lowest temperature 22°, and the mean 42°, with slight wind, partly cloudy weather, fresh southeast to south-west winds, nearly stationary pressure.

Last year, on Dec. 15, the highest temperature was 34°, the lowest 22°, and the mean 44°, and two years ago the corresponding temperatures were 40°, 34° and 37°.

FRED L. JOHNSON, Observer.  
WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15, 8 p. m.—Forecast until 8 p. m. Tuesday:

For Missouri—Fair, except in north Missouri, light snows, northerly wind. Stationary temperature in eastern portion, colder in western.

For Kansas—Colder, fair northerly wind.

## THE WOMAN IN WHITE.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.—G. W. Simons, a well known literary man and undertaker of Argentine, Kansas, was shot, and perhaps fatally wounded, by James Neal, a railway engineer, at Neal's home in Argentine about 9 o'clock last night. Neal made no attempt to escape, and shortly afterwards was arrested.

Today he made the following statement in regard to the shooting:

"Instead of going out on my engine last night, I secured a substitute and went home. I found a man in my wife's room. She had nothing on but her night dress. He tried to get away through the back door, and I shot at him, and they tell me that he hit him."

Simons claims that he went to Neal's house to collect a literary bill, and that Mrs. Neal had nothing on but her night dress when he arrived. She invited him in and she went into another room, as he supposed, to put on a dress. Soon afterwards Neal returned.

Do not take any chance of being poisoned or burnt to death with liquid soap polish, paints and enamels in bottles. The Rising Sun soap polish is safe, odorless, brilliant, the cheapest and best stove polish made, and the consumer pays for an expensive tin or glass package with every package.

## A SICK GOVERNOR.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 15.—There is a rumor in circulation that Governor-elect Winnans is dangerously ill of pneumonia. Mr. Winnans lives in the country, in Livingston county, several miles from a railroad, and it is difficult to reach him. It is known, however, that last Thursday he cancelled several engagements, on account of a sore throat and severe cold.

## A BIG CORPORATION.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 15.—A charter has been granted here for the formation of the largest tobacco company devoted to the manufacture of a single brand in the world. The Black Tobacco company is the corporation, and it has a capital stock of \$5,000,000. The principal stockholders are Aaron and Samuel Block, of this city; W. H. Hubbard, the Westinghouse, of Pittsburgh, and Ben Butterworth, Cincinnati.

Beecham's Pills cure sick headache.

## CENTENARIANS.

LA REUNION, Minn., Dec. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Salisbury, probably the oldest married couple in the United States, yesterday celebrated the 100th birthday of Mr. Salisbury. His wife will be 101 years old on Christmas day. January 12, they will have been married 80 years.

## THE NOLAN CASE.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.—When the case of Edward T. Nolan, the defaulting state treasurer of Missouri, was called in court today, Attorney General T. B. Nolan, on behalf of Nolan, withdrew the application for a change of venue, and the case will be called up for trial tomorrow morning.

## ARABIAN IMMIGRANTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—At a meeting of wealthy citizens held in the Arabian chamber, it was decided to form a fruit growing and silk growing syndicate in this country, which will give employment to all Arabian immigrants arriving at this port.

Swift, sure and complete are the cures effected by Salvation Oil. Price only 25 cents.

Never despair of curing your cold as long as you can buy Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, 25 cents.

## DISTANCES TO WASHINGTON.

From St. Louis to Washington the distance is 304 miles; from Cincinnati to Washington 553 miles; from New York to Washington 313 miles. This is via the Bee line followed by the B. & O. railroad, the most picturesque and the most direct route from the Mississippi river to the Atlantic seaboard, stretching across level and fertile prairies, amid hills and valleys, over mountain crests, along banks of historic rivers, through scenic cities and bustling towns. The through B. & O. trains with full Pullman equipment of sleeping, parlor and first class cars, run from St. Louis to Washington in 19 hours; from Cincinnati to Washington in 18 hours; from Chicago to Washington in 20 hours. Sleepers from all points run through to New York from the west without change. At Washington connection is made with the Baltimore and Ohio's magnificent Royal Blue line for Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. These Royal Blue trains consist of the sturdiest and finest coaches, parlor and sleeping cars ever built by the Pullman company; are vestibuled and heated by steam and lighted by kerosene. They are the fastest trains in the world, placing New York and Washington within five hours' reach.

## Remedies for Lightning Stroke.

A singular phenomenon of the lightning flash is that its chief effects are observable only at the points of its entrance and exit. Thus a flash which entered a school room injured only the first and last child on the form, those between escaping unhurt. The most effective treatment of lameness and other ailments due to lightning is the application alternately to the head, trunk and limbs of a large horseshoe magnet. In case of a quite recent stroke the clothing should be unfastened, the patient laid with the head high and quietness and fresh air should be secured. If consciousness does not return, the head should be exposed to a stream of cold water.—Philadelphia Press.

## He Felt Refreshed.

Henry Renohr, who lives near Butler, Mo., stepped into E. Snider's grocery one evening, boasting of the large supper he had just eaten, but said he "didn't have eggs" so he bought a dozen and ate them, and then a half dozen and ate them, after which he drank a pint of water and then ate one pound of candy.

In all eighteen eggs, one pint of water and one pound of candy in fifteen minutes, after which he said he felt very much refreshed.—Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch.

The electrical instrument invented for avoiding the pain incident to the extraction of teeth consists of adjustable prongs, carrying buttons and connected with an electrical battery. The buttons are placed on the face over the nerves leading from the teeth to the brain, and a circuit is established the moment the extracting instrument touches the tooth.

Ten years ago \$100,000 was an unusual amount for even the wealthy to have invested in diamonds, whereas today there are a number of families each owning diamonds to the value of \$500,000.

## A DAZZLING COMPLEXION.

Like unto the Exquisite Softness and Velvety Bloom of Fruit.

The Odorous Ointments of Anacardine, Ambrosia and Sacred Oils.

"What complexion is she of?"—Comedy of Errors. Disraeli, telling the story of Ixion in heaven, pictures the god of love in his ecstasy of bliss to the King of Thebes, as very fair, with cheeks tinged with a rich but delicate glow like the rose of twilight, and lighted by dimples that twinkled like stars. What the description of the skin of a beautiful woman, and "the purple pride which on her soft cheek for complexion dwells!"

How to maintain this rosy blush of the cheek, this spotless ivory of the brow, should be the study of every woman. For it is not only to be maintained, it may be improved by proper treatment of the skin—treatment worthy of the finest most subtle and elastic organ of the system, an organ which resists artificial applications, but yields all its charm to the clarifying power of water and choice soap.

No strict perfection of classic feature compensates for the want of brilliant color in the face, and the noblest status of antiquity would not long attract the gaze from the pearly glow of a Madame Recamier's skin, or from the clear red and white of the Supremacy of France, the creole Josephine, the Scotch and Spanish blending of Eugenie's. Long ago, aware of this, the Athenians colored their faces with the Greek, which was a mixture of the most beautiful of the East, and the Greek woman, that value of beauty in all art, resorted to every secret of the color of her skin, and employed immense quantities of those odorous ointments of which the great orator and statesman, Demosthenes, used to anoint his face.

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It becomes, then, of the first importance, in view of the power of so simple and easy an appliance as soap and water, to make sure that the soap is the best for its purpose, that science has been able to procure, and one that will even lend its aid towards softening the face, if that be not all that is desired, a properly medicated soap, not only agreeable to the senses of touch and smell, but having also the detergent quality which invigorates the skin, and the softening effect of the oil, and calling upon each vessel to bring its best and freshest blood to the surface.

From the use of such a soap nothing can result but that swift circulation of pure blood which makes a rich stain of color upon cheek and chin, and leaves and leaves everybody else a milky purity. This perfect complexion is secured in no other way, and a medicated soap, into which no unwholesome ingredients enter, is nowhere to be had in such perfection as the Cuticura Soap, which is the only soap that is both pure and medicinal. Medicated Toilet Soap, in which the healing power of Cuticura itself combines with the emollient and lubricating action of a perfect soap, so invigorates the glands of the skin that the pores open out through the pores and ducts all the refuse which if retained produces disease, and which if removed assures the beauty of health and purity. No corrosive or caustic substance, no metallic, mineral or vegetable poison is contained in the Cuticura Soap; but chemical science has wrought its wonders here by thoroughly innocent methods. Blotches or pimples, eruptions, scurf, or rashes are hardly possible when the Cuticura Soap is in daily use; no tan, sunburn, or discoloration can long withstand its eradicates gently and permanently, nearly every complexional defect, removes the source of many disgusting humors, leaves the skin without blemish, and purifies and beautifies the whole exterior. Every woman who employs it may do so with advantage, finding its use a worthy rival of that bloom of youth which, in the old myth, Moles gave her patients by plunging them in her boiling caldron with strange herbs and incantations, with doubtless to be interpreted as a series of baths where the witch used the best cleansing and purifying agents of her time.

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## ON CONTRACTS.

Their Peculiarities When Made Either by Letter or by Telegram.

The question of rights and liabilities under contracts made by correspondence, or a series of letters or telegrams to and from some one in another city in relation to mutual business transactions, is one that is frequently arising in business life, and with the principles of law governing such contracts or such correspondence, it will be advantageous to most business men to be familiar. Contracts thus made are in their nature the same as all other contracts and governed by the same rules, viz.: There must be parties capable of contracting, a subject matter to be contracted for, a sufficient consideration, and an assent or completion of the contract, and it is of the rules governing the determination of this question only that we propose to write now, and to give only those more familiar rules that are well established by adjudicated cases.

An offer made by mail or telegraph is a continuing and open proposition until its receipt by the party to whom it is addressed, and such reasonable time thereafter as will enable him to accept or refuse it, or until actual notice of its withdrawal by the party making that offer reaches the party to whom the offer has been made, and any act done by the party evincing an intent to accept it before actually receiving notice of its withdrawal, is a completion of the contract. It may be withdrawn by the party making it at any time previous to its acceptance by the other, but this notice of withdrawal is not operative until it has actually reached the party to whom it is addressed.

For instance: If A should write to B, making a certain offer for certain goods, and B should write accepting such offer, the contract would be completed at the time B posted his acceptance, although A might in the meantime have written another letter withdrawing his offer, providing that B had mailed his acceptance before receiving the notice of withdrawal. In other words, the contract is complete at the time of mailing the acceptance of the offer, and not at the time of the receipt of such acceptance by the party making the offer.

Should B delay his acceptance, however, until the receipt of the notice of withdrawal, no acceptance then made could operate to bind A to the contract. The offer need not be revoked in the same manner as it was made, either to B, or should A, after making an offer to B, alter his determination and telegraph B to that effect, which telegram was received by B previous to a receipt of the offer or its acceptance by him, it is a complete withdrawal.

The entire question in each case is, Has there been an assent to the terms offered before the offer was withdrawn? If so, there is a complete contract, which can only be rescinded by the consent of both parties, while before such acceptance its terms are constantly open to a modification by either.—American Merchant.

How the Fog Affected Observations.

A new story is told about the sharpness and brightness of the captains of the transatlantic steamships. On a recent voyage of one of the well known vessels plying between here and Europe, one of the passengers, a woman, pestered the captain to death with unnecessary questions. Some heavy weather set in, and owing to the fog and rain the ship's officers were unable to make their usual observations. When the captain came down to dinner on that afternoon his perspector was waiting for him.

"Rough weather, captain," she said.

"Some what."

"A good deal of rain."

"A good deal."

"Pretty heavy fog."

"Yes, it is."

"So heavy, I understand, that you could not make your observation."

"Yes," gravely, "but not heavy enough to prevent you from making yours."

—New York Tribune.

Feather Factories.

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